



Career progression, community management, personnel matters, and general information from the desk of the Navy Personnel Command, Force Master Chief, FORCM Jon Port

E7 Selection Board - Update

Letter to the board submitted to the Reserve E7 board by the candidate must now be postmarked no later than 25 April 2011. This applies to both boards #335 (SELRES) and #336 (FTS).

Letter to the board submitted to the Active E7 board by the candidate must now be postmarked no later than 31 May 2011. This applies to board #360 (Active Component).

Reminder: Per NAVADMINs 302/10 and 343/10, supplemental correspondence and messages postmarked after the cut-off date for submission of correspondence by candidates is no longer accepted by enlisted selection boards. Items missing from the candidate's official military personnel file that the candidate wants the board to consider must be submitted in the candidate's letter to the board. NPC's Customer Service Center's new selection board e-mail address is: cscselectionboard@navy.mil
Verification of NPC's receipt of letters to the board is also available at: <http://www.npc.navy.mil/AboutUs/NPC/CSC/default.htm>

CHANGES IN DEATH GRATUITY

All Sailors need to verify their Record of Emergency Data (Page 2) in their Electronic Service Record (ESR). Due to changes in law, NAVADMINs 189/07 and 134/08, announced changes to the death gratuity policy to allow Sailors to designate 100 percent of the death gratuity in 10 percent increments to one or more beneficiaries. Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS) Page 2 updates meet these requirements for 100 percent of the death gratuity in 10 percent increments to one or more beneficiaries and removed the verbiage for death gratuity; "No Spouse or Child Surviving". Sailor's death gratuity beneficiaries that were identified on their previous Page 2 listed individuals to receive death gratuity pay (after spouse and/or child). With the recent update, those individuals that were listed are now the primary recipients to receive death gratuity pay (not the spouse and/or child). This update may not correctly reflect the Sailors desires. Additionally, if a married Sailor elects to designate any person, other than their spouse, to receive any portion of the death gratuity, the Sailor's command is required to notify the spouse of such designation in writing.

Sailors should access their ESR and verify their designated beneficiaries by accessing "View Personal Information", then "Dependency Data", scroll down to "beneficiaries" and verify that the information is correct. If the information does not reflect the correct information, Sailors should contact their Command PASS Coordinator (CPC) or servicing personnel office to update. For more information, Sailors should contact their CPC, personnel office, or visit Navy Personnel Command's website at www.npc.navy.mil.

ENLISTED EARLY CAREER TRANSITION PROGRAM

Active duty and Full-Time Support (FTS) Sailors who want to pursue reserve options have a new opportunity to do so with the Early Career Transition Program (ECTP). Eligible Sailors may submit requests up to 15 months prior, but no later than three months prior to desired transition date. When approved, members will incur mandatory drilling reserve obligation equal to the remaining active portion of their current contract. The minimum obligation will be for one year if remaining in rate or four years if converting to a different rate.

Eligible Sailors are those currently serving in AC or FTS CREO 2 or 3 ratings and requesting to serve in a SELRES CREO 1 or 2 rating. The Career Transition Office is available to assist Sailors with selecting a Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC), provide details on reserve component programs and benefits and complete all required paperwork. Benefits of reserve affiliation can include a two-year deferment from individual mobilization, affiliation bonus, TRICARE low cost medical and dental coverage, reserve retirement benefits, continued exchange and commissary privileges, flexible drill opportunities and Montgomery GI Bill benefits.

NPC Aligns Applications to Navy Standard

Over the weekend of 26 Mar, more than 40 applications including those on BUPERS On-Line (BOL), the Electronic Military Personnel Record System (EMPRS), and others will be offline as the applications are moved from the Millington Data Center to Navy/Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) servers. This action is being taken to place the applications behind increased levels of security. Additionally, once the migration to the NMCI servers is complete, there will be more bandwidth available for the BOL and EMPRS applications, which may provide some users an upgrade in performance within these specific applications. The move will not affect other NMCI programs such as Outlook and share drives. Users experiencing issues should contact the NPC IT Helpdesk at (901) 874-4717 or mill_legacyhelpdesk@navy.mil.

Our Navy History

Today, 18 March 1974 - U.S. Navy sent to sweep mines from Suez Canal

Quote of the Week

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." – John Quincy Adams